

**What is claimed is:**

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1. A data generating apparatus, comprising:  
an input device inputting a condition for  
designating a finite field;  
a generation device automatically generating  
expression data of the finite field based on the  
inputted condition; and  
an expression data storage device storing the  
generated expression data.
2. The data generating apparatus according to claim  
1, further comprising  
an operation device performing a finite field  
operation based on the expression data stored in said  
expression data storage device.
3. The data generating apparatus according to claim  
1, wherein when a bit length of a prime number which  
describes the finite field is inputted as the  
condition, said generation device automatically  
generates prime number data corresponding to the bit  
length and stores the generated prime number data in  
said expression data storage device.

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1, wherein when an extension degree which describes  
the finite field is inputted as the condition, said  
generation device automatically generates irreducible  
polynomial data corresponding to the extension degree  
and stores the irreducible polynomial data in said  
expression data storage device.
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4, wherein when an instruction using an optimal normal  
basis is inputted, said generation device  
automatically generates irreducible polynomial data  
for an optimal normal basis corresponding to the  
extension degree and the irreducible polynomial data  
for an optimal normal basis in said expression data  
storage device.
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1, further comprising  
20        a fixed data storage device storing one or more  
pieces of predetermined expression data of a finite  
field,  
said generation device stores expression data of a  
finite field corresponding to the condition in said  
25        expression data storage device if there is the

5 expression data of a finite field corresponding to the condition in the fixed data storage device, and said generation device automatically generates expression data of a finite field corresponding to the condition if there is no expression data of a finite field corresponding to the condition in the fixed data storage device.

7. The data generating apparatus according to claim  
10 1, further comprising:

a designation device designating expression data of a finite field; and

a verifier device verifying whether the designated expression data are suitable,

15 the verifier device stores designated expression data in said expression data storage device if the designated expression data are suitable, and the verifier device asks the designation device for other expression data if the designated expression data are  
20 not suitable.

8. A computer-readable storage medium on which is recorded a program enabling a computer to execute a process, said process comprising:

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- finite field based on an inputted condition if the condition for designating the finite field is inputted; and
- outputting the generated expression data.
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9. A data generating method, comprising:
- designating a condition for designating a finite field;
- automatically generating expression data of the
- 10 finite field based on the designated condition; and
- supplying the generated expression data to a finite field operation apparatus.
10. A data generating apparatus, comprising:
- 15 inputting means for inputting a condition for designating a finite field;
- generating means for automatically generating expression data of the finite field based on the inputted condition; and
- 20 expression data storing means for storing the generated expression data.